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SUBJECT: REPORT OF EWG SUB-GROUP ON STRENGTHENING GREEK AND
TURKISH LOCAL FORCES

REF: A. USNATO 2607

B. USNATO 2922

C. USNATO 5469, 14 NOV 73 NOTAL

1. AS AGREED DURING MAY 10 MEETING OF SUB-GROUP ON GREEK AND
TURKISH LOCAL FORCES (REFTEL A), THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS)
HAS CIRCULATED REVISIONS TO PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 11 OF SUB-GROUPS
DRAFT REPORT (AC/281(LF)WP(74)1, POUCHED TO STATE AND DEFENSE).

2. IF IS RECEIVES NO COMMENTS FROM DELEGATIONS BY COM MAY 30,
THE REVISIONS WILL BE INCORPORATED IN A REVISED DRAFT OF THE
REPORT.

3. MISSION VIEWS REVISIONS AS IMPROVEMENTS OVER EARLIER TEXTS
AND DOES NOT PROPOSE TO OBJECT TO THEIR INCORPORATION IN NEXT
DRAFT.

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4. TEXTS OF REVISED PARAGRAPHS FOLLOW:

QUOTE:

"6. DUE TO THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE IT HAS BEEN

NECESSARY TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF THIS INITIAL REPORT TO A MORE PRECISE IDENTIFICATION OF WHAT IS NEEDED IN KIND AND QUANTITY AND TO IDENTIFY DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST BY THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH THE MAIN PART OF OUR TASK WHICH IS TO STUDY WHAT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO ELIMINATE AREAS OF DIFFICULTY AND REVIEW POSSIBLE WAYS AND MEANS OF MEETING THESE DEFICIENCIES.

11. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ALTHOUGH THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE FIRST PAHSE PROVIDES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFICIENCIES IN THE GREEK AND TURKISH LOCAL FORCES, IT IS ONLY A FIRST STEP IN ACCOMPLISHING THE LONGER TERM AIM OF THE SUB-GROUP TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON POSSIBLE WAYS AND MEANS TO ELIMINATE DIFFICULTIES AND TO IMPLEMENT THE MEASURES PROPOSED."

END QUOTE.

5. WE HAVE HUST LEARNED INFORMALLY FROM IS THAT ON THE BASIS OF AMBASSADOR ERALP'S INTERVENTION DURING DPC MEETING MAY 27 (PARA 7, REFTEL B), IS WILL EMBARK ON CRASH PROGRAM TO GIVE EWG SUB-GROUP'S PAPER MORE AUTHORITATIVE STATUS SO THAT IT CNA BE INCLUDED AS A REFERENCE ON DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA. IS PROGRAM, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT , WOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING STEPS:

- A. CIRCULATION OF NEW TEXT OF NARRATIVE PORTION OF REPORT, INCLUDING REVISED PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 11, PRIOR TO MAY 30.
- CALLING FOR SUB-GROUP MEETING MAY 30 TO FINALIZE NEW TEXT.
- C. PRINTING AGREED TEXT ON MAY 31 AND CIRCULATING IT JUNE 4.
- D. POSSIBLY CALLING FOR EWG MEETING JUNE 4 TO APPROVE TEXT.
- E. POSSIBLY PUTTING APPROVED TEXT BEFORE PERM REPS JUNE 6.

6. IN RESPONSE TO MISOFF'S QUERY, IS REPRESENTATIVE ADMITTED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT ABOVE PROCEDURE WAS IRREGPULAR. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR ERALP WAS UNDER STRICT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS DEFENSE MINISTER WHO INSISTS THAT THE SUB-GROUPS REPORT BE INCLUDED AS A REFERENCE ON THE DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA. IS REP SAID TURKISH MOD WNATS HIS COLLEAGUES TO BE AWARE OF THE REPORT SINCE HE INTENDS TO BASE HIS INTERVENTION AT DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE SUB-GROUPS EFFORTS TO SEGREGATE TURKISH FORCE PROPOSALS/FORCE GOALS INTO THREE CATEGORIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION (REFTEL C).

7. COMMENT . MISSION VIEWS TEXT OF REPORT AS REVISED IN ABOVE QUOTED PARAS AS ACCEPTABLE AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRICTED BY WASHINGTON, INTENDS TO COOPERATE WITH TURKISH AND INS REPRESENTATIVES TO GIVE REPORT MORE AUTHORITATIVE STATUS.

END COMMENT.RUMSFELD

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